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# Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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## Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

## Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 October 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-35 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-35 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

## Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) 2-3.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-11, 13-20, 22, 24-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Stibolt et al (5531050).

Figures 1, 5, 13, 17

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 12, 21, 23, 27-35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Stibolt et al (5531050).

Per claim 12, Stibolt et al shows all the claimed limitations except for the window wrap having two jamb and sill components connected to each other at their longitudinal ends at a right angle to each other to form a rectangular shape.

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Stibolt et al to show the window wrap having two jamb and sill components connected to each other at their longitudinal ends at a right angle to each other to form a rectangular shape because it would have been an obvious matter of engineering design choice to

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have as many wraps as needed to wrap an object with multiple corners and forming a certain desired finished shape, be it rectangular, triangle, square, etc...

Per claim 21, Stibolt et al shows all the claimed limitations except for the paper being extensible and remaining pliable.

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Stibolt et al to show paper being extensible and remaining pliable because it would enable the wrap to bend and flex at various angles without breaking or damaging the paper surface.

Per claim 23, Stibolt et al shows all the claimed limitations except for the inner surface of the outer portions of the front and rear surfaces of an extension being affixed by an adhesive to the drywall panel.

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Stibolt et al to show the inner surface of the outer portions of the front and rear surfaces of an extension being affixed by an adhesive to the drywall panel because it would enhance the attachment of the wrap to the panel.

Per claims 27-28, Stibolt et al shows all the claimed limitations except for each of the components being fused or welded together by a mitered-joint.

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Stibolt et al to show each of the components being fused or welded together by at mitered-joint because having mitered joint between components welded is well-known in the art as welding, gluing, bolting are all well-known methods of joining parts together.

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Per claims 29-35, Stibolt et al shows all the claimed limitations except for a window frame having two side jambs, a head sill and a bottom sill, each of the jamb and sill components being connected to each other at their longitudinal ends at a right angle to each other to form a rectangular shape, applying an adhesive to the inside surface of the outer portion of the front and rear surfaces of the wall extensions.

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Stibolt et al to show a window frame having two side jambs, a head sill and a bottom sill, each of the jamb and sill components being connected to each other at their longitudinal ends at a right angle to each other to form a rectangular shape, applying an adhesive to the inside surface of the outer portion of the front and rear surfaces of the wall extensions because wrapping the corner device onto a window frame would protect the window frame at the edges and corners, and forming a rectangular shape would enable wrapping to the window frame at the corner while also provide a convenient operating mode for the corner device, and applying an adhesive to the inside surface of the outer portion would enhance the attachment of the corner device to its attaching panel.

Stibolt et al as modified shows all the claimed limitations. The claimed method steps would have been the obvious method steps of finishing a window frame of Stibolt et al's modified structure.

### ***Conclusion***

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The prior art shows different wrapping device.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Phi D A whose telephone number is 703-306-9136. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lanna Mai can be reached on 703-308-2486. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-872-9326 for regular communications and 703-872-9327 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-1113.

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